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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hiroshi MATSUUCHI, et al.

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For:

DIGITAL DEVICE, DATA INPUT-OUTPUT CONTROL METHOD, AND DATA

INPUT-OUTPUT CONTROL SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 and claim 5 as follows:

- 4. (Amended) A digital device according to [either one of] claim 1[to 3], wherein the data is synchronous stream one.
- 5. (Amended) A digital device according to [either one of] claim 1[to 3], wherein the bus interface is compliant with the standard of IEEE1394.

Please add new claims 13 through 16 as follows:

-13. A digital device according to claim 2, wherein the data is synchronous stream one.

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